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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to A grammatical error found on 9/12/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are Claims 1-4 respectively.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
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8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☒ Other Attach copy.

*H. Nguyen***HANH NGUYEN
PRIMARY EXAMINER**

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Per telephone interview with Alicia Choi (703) 720-7800 on 9/12/05, a grammatical error was found in claim 1. Claim 1 has been amended as shown in the attached copy to correct the grammatical error in the claim.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hanh Nguyen whose telephone number is (571)272-3092. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8AM to 5PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hassan Kizou, can be reached on 571 2720 3088. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 5712738300.

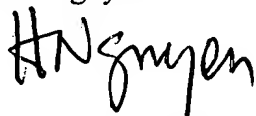
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Attached copy

1. A method for preventing out-of-ordering of frames in a network switch, comprising the steps of:
 - receiving a first portion of a string of packets from a source [port] on a first port;
 - transferring said first portion of said string of packets to a second port for transmission to a destination;
 - sending a switch indicator from said first port to said second port;
 - receiving said switch indicator at said second port;
 - sending a response switch indicator from said second port to said first port in response to said receiving of said switch indicator at said second port; and
 - receiving a second portion of said string of packets from said source port on a third port, wherein said transmission of said first portion of said string of packets to the destination is performed after the response indicator is received at said first port.